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Note: the handout for lecture six had a reproduction of a table from Singhal (2001). That table has a typo in it for the BM25/Okapi formula (the constant k_1 is interior to a set of parentheses it should be exterior to); the correct formula is given in the attached lecture notes, and (as of 3/9/06) an updated version of the handout is available at the course webpage.